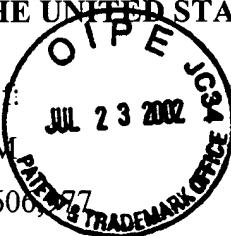


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Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action dated May 23, 2002, be extended one (1) month from June 23, 2002 to July 23, 2002, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$110 for a one-month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in accompanying check no. 9203416. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1824, referencing docket number 16517.144/38-21(15877)B. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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